



Burt County Board Minutes



OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
March 27, 2020
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Boardroom of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, pursuant to adjournment of their last meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by Publication in the Oakland Independent, upon a 1st floor bulletin board within the courthouse and on the County’s Website. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the office of the County Clerk. The following members were present: Cliff Morrow, Gary ‘Bird’ Swanson, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, , Ted Connealy and David Schold. Present via Zoom Meeting - Dale Webster. Carroll Welte, UNL Extension, was present and provided her equipment to run the Zoom meeting software.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance at 9:00 A.M. upon motion by Richards, seconded by Pearson. Roll call: Ayes – 7. Chairman Schold informed the public that the Open Meeting Act was posted on the wall.

The agenda was approved; upon motion by Richards, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. Motion passed.

The minutes of the 3/10/2020 regular meeting and 3/23/2020 emergency meeting were approved; upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. Motion passed.

The following claims for March in the amount of \$ 499,924.98 including \$128,675.74 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Morrow, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. The totals include a transfer from General to Roads for \$60,000.00.

JOHN'S TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT	SIDE DUMP	49,900.00
AMERICAN BROADBAND CLEC	UTILITIES	1,292.26
ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	78.83
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	TECH SUPPORT	1,234.16
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	322.51
BOMGAARS -COURTHOUSE	SUPPLIES	162.39
BOYDSTON LAW OFFICE LLC	ATTY FEES	2,898.75
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL/TIRE	2,185.82
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	140.00
BURT COUNTY CLERK	POSTAGE	8.40
BURT COUNTY COURT	NON WAIVERABLE	151.00
BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT CLERK	NON WAIVERABLE	177.00
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	307.75
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	354.76
BURT COUNTY TREASURER	FUNDS TRANSFER	60,020.00



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CENTURY LINK	SERVICES	667.70
CHRISTINE A DREGALLA	JAIL MEDICAL	174.00
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	102.08
CLAYTON OLSEN	PLANNING MILE	94.88
CLIFFORD L MORROW	CHECKING ROADS	46.00
COMPLETE SECURITY & INVESTIGATIONS	COURT FEES	125.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO.	COURT FEES	25.11
CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIV	UTILITIES	467.48
CUBBY'S	FUEL	1,157.26
D'MOORE PIZZA	LB1184 LUNCH	82.46
DAKOTA COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY	JAIL	440.00
DALE WEBSTER	CHECKING ROADS	52.90
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	SOFTWARE	185.28
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	TELE TYPE	350.00
DAVID SCHOLD	CHECKING ROADS	125.35
DECATUR EXPRESS	FUEL	792.37
DEPT CORRECTIONAL SVCS	JAIL/MEDICAL	2,229.01
DODGE COUNTY	QTRLY	3,655.13
DON'S PIONEER UNIFORMS	SHERIFF SUPPLY	392.48
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	T-H SPECIAL	2,271.75
ELECTION WORKER	T-H SPECIAL	200.00
EVA MCCLUSKEY	PRIOR SERVICE	103.86
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	MAPS	376.30
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	INS ADMIN	365.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	ELECTION SUPPLY	36.71
FIRST NORTHEAST BANK OF NEBRASKA	BOX- EXTENSION	10.00
FRANCES FRENCH	PRIOR SERVICE	11.00
FRED FRANKLIN	SURVEY EQUIP	1,150.00
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	115.58
GENE STEFFY	SUPPLY/EQUIP	2,431.16
GENESIS PSYCHIATRIC GROUP LLC	COURT MEDICAL	250.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES	ROD SUPPLIES	470.00
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	COPIER	159.40
HOLMQUIST LUMBER INC	SUPPLIES	354.11
HOPKINS LAW OFFICE,LLC	ATTY FEES	547.50
ILA DAVIS	PRIOR SERVICE	18.00
JAN RASMUSSEN	MILEAGE	34.50
JAY W JOHNSON	MILEAGE	112.70
JEANICE BOWERS	MILEAGE	48.88
JEANNETTE BLANC	ELECTION MILE	39.74
JONI L. RENSHAW	MILEAGE	94.88
LEE AGRI-MEDIA	PRINT/PUBLISH	181.60
LOFFLER	COPIER	422.06
MADISON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT FEES	100.00
MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	28.29



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MARY LOFTIS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	429.22
MCCLUSKEY TREE SERVICE	TOW/IMPOUND	150.00
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	INSURANCE	12,262.50
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	2,232.67
NACEB TREASURER	EXT BOARD DUES	100.00
NATIONAL PATENT ANALYTICAL SYSTEMS	SHERIFF EQUIP	286.94
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGING	87.00
NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSN	MEMBER DUES	125.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	864.19
NEBRASKA.GOV	SUBSCRIPTION	100.00
NICHOLAS E. WURTH LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	2,582.13
O'KEEFE ELEVATOR CO INC	MAINTENANCE	293.51
OAKLAND INDEPENDENT	PUBLISHING	388.91
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	SUPPLIES	405.97
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	384.99
PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	221.95
PELAN FUNERAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORT	1,475.00
PENDER HOSPITAL	JAIL MEDICAL	247.00
PENNY A. WARREN	MILEAGE	152.38
PLAINDEALER PUBLISHING CO	PUBLISHING	32.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	474.00
QUADIENT INC	POSTAGE SUPPLY	21.78
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE MACHINE	628.53
QUALITY PRINTING & OFFICE SUPP	SUPPLIES	1,424.63
RAMADA BY WYNDHAM	WORKSHOP	160.00
REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYS	QTRLY	5,615.41
SAVE MORE MARKET	SUPPLIES	11.53
STEINY'S GENERAL STORE	KEY BLANKS	41.60
THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	838.39
THEODORE CONNEALY	CHECKING ROADS	60.95
THURSTON COUNTY COURT	JAIL	11,450.00
TORY PENNY	REGISTRATION	130.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	203.48
VISUAL EDGE, COUNSEL	COPIER	330.99
A A WHEEL & TRUCK SUPPLY INC	PARTS	262.14
ANN CHYTKA	MISC EXPENSE	148.84
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC - ROAD	SUPPLIES	598.17
BONINE GARAGE DOORS	DOOR REPAIR	214.00
BREHMER MFG INC	EXP METAL RO	78.05
BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	140.00
BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC	FUEL	486.87
CITY CLERK	UTILITIES	61.20
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	261.25
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS/MARKERS	1,128.80
D & M REPAIR	PARTS/LABOR	18.54



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DALE HUFFMAN	MISC EXPENSE	10.74
DPA TRUCK & EQUIPMENT SALES	PARTS	50.48
FARMERS PRIDE	DIESEL	1,857.52
GATZMEYER'S WELDING & REPAIR	FILL TANK	39.53
GINI, LLC	FUEL	55.20
KB'S MINI MART INC	FUEL	327.01
LYLE FARRENS	PRIOR SERVICE	12.00
MARTIN MARIETTA	GRAVEL/BORROW	6,199.37
MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	EQUIP RENT	84.99
MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES CO	PARTS	2,447.10
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL	5,973.15
NE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRIDGE INSPECT	2,756.45
NMC CAT RENTAL	PARTS	13,358.02
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	PHONE	231.68
OAKLAND EXPRESS	FUEL	35.81
RDO TRUCK CENTERS	PARTS	165.24
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	REPAIR/SUPPLY	196.04
SEALS & SERVICE INC	PARTS	570.46
SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	1,062.11
SID DILLION	LABOR #17	151.90
SIGN DEPOT	DECAL	32.17
TOTAL TOOL SUPPLY INC.	FUEL IMPACT DR	129.80
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	TOWER RENTAL	158.50
VERIZON CONNECT	SERVICE PLAN	494.77
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	145.19
WASTE CONNECTIONS	GARBAGE	108.00
WELDON PARTS OMAHA	PARTS	2,091.42
WESTON FARMS REPAIR LLC	PARTS	8,662.26
MARIAH TOBIN	LABOR BCEDC	39.00
BURT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV CORP	1ST HALF 2020	18,000.00
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	574.86
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	53,869.88
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	EMPE PD ADDL	2.62
FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS	FEDERAL TAXES	38,140.34
LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE	EMPE PD ADDL	918.78
MANHATTAN LIFE ASSURANCE CO OF AMER	EMPE PD ADDL	10.25
MASSMUTUAL	EMPE PD ADDL	200.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	900.00
RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	18,358.07
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	5,355.07
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	VISION INS	458.29
WASHINGTON NATIONAL INSURANCE CO	EMPE PD ADDL	16.15
COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS CO	EMPE PD ADDL	57.79
NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	CHILD SUPPORT	730.00



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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LEVY TAX

250.00

Communications (2): (1) NE Nebr Community Action Ptnshp: assistance available to low-income families to help with 2019 flooding relief. (2) Burt Co Sheriff: Geo-Comm annual contract for 911 Software

Board Members Connealy and Morrow moved for adoption of Resolution 2020-06. The Resolution was adopted upon roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none.

RESOLUTION #2020-06

Interim Appointment

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Burt County Board of Supervisors appoint Edmond E. Talbot III as interim County Attorney due to the resignation of Francis W. Barron III. This appointment will become effective March 27, 2020 and last until a permanent appointment is made.

DATED this 27th day of March 2020 at Tekamah, Nebraska.

Attest: Sarah J. Freidel
County Clerk

David Schold
Chairman, Burt County Board of Supervisors

COVID-19:

Emergency Declaration for Burt County was passed upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Morrow. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays –none.

BURT COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY

Burt County, Nebraska, with inclusion of all villages, business, schools and communities within, has a great potential of suffering from county-wide damages resulting from the Covid-19/Corona Virus event(s) that has/will occur beginning January 31, 2020, and on-going and continuing indefinitely causing disruption of services, cost-incurred prevention and protection and the endangerment of the health and safety of the citizens and businesses of Burt County.

Therefore, the Chair of Burt County Board of Supervisors has declared a state of emergency authorized under Nebraska State Statute R.R.S. 81-829.50 on behalf of Burt County, and will execute for and on behalf of Burt County, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor’s Emergency Fund and any other resources he deems necessary in the fulfillment of his duties.

DATED March 27, 2020 at Tekamah, Nebraska.

Attest: Sarah J. Freidel
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COVID-19: Continuity of Government: at this time all Burt County offices are open for business, but the Courthouse entrance doors are locked and the public is being assisted by appointment only. These procedures allows for all employees to continue working their regular hours in order to provide needed services to the Burt County constituents.

President Trump’s Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was reviewed and placed on file for use, if needed, for Burt County employees.

COVID-19: Board Meetings: Gov. Ricketts issued an Executive Order to Give Public



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Boards the Flexibility to Hold Virtual Meetings through May 31, 2020. The board voted to purchase Zoom Meeting Software (Pro, monthly) in order to make their meetings available to members of the public and the media. Approved upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – 6. Nays – Swanson. Motion passed. For the hardware requirements, a personal lap top of one of the County Supervisors will be used, and the Extension office said the Board can borrow the speaker/camera from their office. COVID-19: Elections 2020: Election Commissioner, Sarah Freidel shared with the board that the State announced that the Primary 2020 elections will go on as scheduled for May 12, 2020. The Secretary of State's office will send Ballot by mail applications to all registered voters in Burt County, also the Secretary of State's office is providing a Ballot Box to the County. The ballot box (Courthouse Collection Box) will need to be mounted outside of the building; the Sheriff would also like the current Courthouse mailed box to be moved out of his office area, so Bruce Nathan, Burt County Building and Grounds, will be pouring a concrete pad outside to secure the mailboxes and the ballot/mail collection box outside the South entrance of the Courthouse.

Swanson moved the Board recess at 10:30 AM for *Board of Equalization*, Connealy seconded, motion passed with All Ayes. The Burt County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:45 AM, upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Morrow, with All Ayes.

Application for a **Building Renovation Grant**: Patty Plugge, Burt County Economic Development, reported that the BCEDC board had reviewed the request and recommended their approval. The application is from Chatterbox, to build a permanent concrete pad and awning on the North side of the existing building. The Burt County Board approved the release of \$15,000.00 from County Fund 0900. Approved upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Pearson. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. Motion passed.

Application for a **Lodging Tax Funds**: Patty Plugge, Burt County Economic Development, reported that the BCEDC board had reviewed the request and recommended their approval. The application is from Tri-County Saddle Club for advertising for the Tekamah Rodeo to be held June 5-6, 2020. The Burt County Board approved the release of \$500.00 from County Fund 0990. Approved upon motion by Richards, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. Motion passed.

Carl Pearson reported that he had reviewed the property and casualty insurance specs in order to prepare for the upcoming policy renewal on May 1st. The full renewal will be reviewed by the board at a future meeting.

ROADS:

Morrow made a motion to sign (2) **contracts with Nebraska Game and Parks**; Burt County will be paid \$120.00/hour for road maintenance inside the Summit Lake SRA and Pelican Point SRA, motion seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. Contracts were approved and signed.



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PUBLIC COMMENT: Carroll Welte announced that she will be working off-site April 1 - May 31, 2020, and she plans to retire effective June 1, 2020. She informed the board that UNL Extension will fill her position in the future, but until then, Jennifer Hansen (Thurston County Extension) will be the interim Unit Leader for Burt County. She affirmed that the UNL Extension will provide plenty of qualified support personnel to work with the Burt County Extension Board during the transition period.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Connealy and Swanson at 11:17 A.M.
Next Meeting: April 14, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

DAVID SCHOLD, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved official minutes is available to the public at the Clerk's Office.